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In re Application of
Joseph W. Harding, et al.
Application No. 10/675,470
Filed: September 30, 2003
Attorney Docket No. None

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed by facsimile transmission on June 17, 2005, to revive the above-identified application for failure to timely notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark (USPTO) of the filing of an application in a foreign country, or under a multinational treaty that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing. *See* 37 CFR 1.137(f). This is also a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee filed simultaneously. *See* 1233 *Official Gazette* 54 (April 11, 2000).

There is no indication that the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. However, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a), the signature of Stephen J. Rosenman, Ph.D. appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he is authorized to represent the particular party in whose behalf he acts. However, if Mr. Rosenman desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to petitioner. Nevertheless, all future correspondence regarding this application file will be directed solely to the address of record.

The petitions are **GRANTED**.

Petitioner states that the instant nonprovisional application is the subject of an application filed in an eighteen month publication country on October 5, 2004. However, the USPTO was unintentionally not notified of this filing within 45 days subsequent to the filing of the subject application in an eighteen month publication country.

In view of the above, this application became abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) for failure to timely notify the Office of the filing of an application in a foreign country or under a multilateral international agreement that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

A petition to revive an application abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) for failure to notify the USPTO of a foreign filing must be accompanied by:

- (1) the required reply which is met by the notification of such filing in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty;
- (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.

The petition has been found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.137(b).

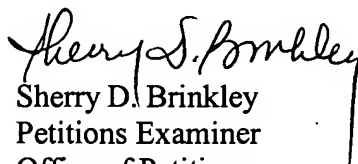
The previous Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i) has been rescinded. A Notice Regarding Rescission of Nonpublication Request which sets forth the projected publication date of September 9, 2005 accompanies this decision on petition.

Since petitioner has complied with 37 CFR 1.137(b), the application may be returned to a pending status. However, in view of petitioner's request to withdraw the application from issue, the application is hereby withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on April 22, 2005, in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.¹

Telephone inquiries relating to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

The application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2182 for further processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.


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ATTACHMENT: Notice Regarding Rescission of Nonpublication Request

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¹The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice must be made in writing and should be accompanied by the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), along with a copy of this decision. Additionally, if the issue fee has increased from the previously paid issue fee, the balance due must be submitted. Failure to request in writing that the previously paid issue fee be applied towards the new Notice and payment of any balance due will result in the abandonment of the application.